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WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM

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Quote of the Month



It's the little things citizens do. That's what will make the difference.
My little thing is planting trees.

- Wangari Maathai

Coordinator's Corner



With brilliant colors heralding the change of seasons, this is a great time of the year to celebrate trees. Check out the changes to the Urban Forestry program, and the upcoming funding opportunities.

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Tree Inventory Grants



Planning for sustainable urban forests starts from the ground up and an inventory of trees will provide you with the base from which to plan. If your community is considering an tree inventory, take a look at the new Community Forestry Tree Inventory Grant, coming your way at the end of the month.

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Tree Care: Urban Forestry Restoration



The [Urban Forestry Restoration Project](#) is an exciting opportunity to increase the health of urban forests in the Puget Sound Basin and southwest Washington areas. The project will help to enhance effectiveness of urban forests in managing storm water and improving water quality.

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Web-ucation: Links to help you learn

The interior foliage of northwest conifer trees, especially pines and western red cedar, will die and turn noticeably red or brown in autumn. This [fact sheet from WSU Extension](#) explains this normal, seasonal phenomenon that is often mistaken for a disease or other forest health problem.

During [National NeighborWoods Month](#), tens of thousands of volunteers take action as part of a nationwide campaign to green our cities and towns. Sponsored by the Alliance for Community Trees, this is a great opportunity to show that trees matter in your city! Join the celebration and register to be volunteer!

Have you ever wondered [why leaves change color](#)? This article by the US Forest Service, Northeastern Area explains.

October Calendar of Events, Activities and Opportunities

[Find an event, activity or opportunity near you...](#)



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The program's purpose is to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological, and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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